Sl. No.	District	1994-95		1995-96	
		Area in Hectare	Expenditure Rs. in Lakhs	Area in Hectare	Expenditure Rs. in Lakhs
9.	Mahesana	41.40	1.15	—	0.14
10.	Rajkot	4.02	0.16	7.00	0.12
11.	Vadodara	81.37	3.86	82.83	4.25
12.	Valsad	—	—	1.00	0.05
13.	Sabarkantha	15.73	0.37	—	0.03
14.	Surat	74.41	3.30	72.20	3.22
15.	Surendranagar	3.19	0.13	4.00	0.13
	TOTAL:	497.02	22.23	464.52	22.09

Availability of GATT Benefits to the Farmers

3096. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether availability of GATT benefits to farmers has been reported to be under doubt; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to remove these apprehensions?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The central feature of GATT Agreement on agriculture is the reduction in the production subsidies paid by the developed countries to their farmers and the rolling back of some of the non-tariff barriers which have restricted agricultural trade. These measures will benefit India as its agricultural exports enjoy a comparative and competitive advantage. The rights of the farmers, plant breeders and researchers would be protected under the agreement on trade related Intellectual Property Rights.

For agricultural products, tariffs have been bound by India at 100% on primary products, at 150% on processed products and 300% on edible oils and the current duty rates in respect of most favoured nations are within the bound rates.

Study regarding the effect of ODS on Ozone Layer

3097. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted in regard to the effect of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) like clorofluorocarbon (CFSs) on the Ozone layer;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Govt to protect the Ozone layer from the indiscriminate use of Ozone Depleting Substances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD); (a) and (b) Scientific Assessment Panel of United Nations Environment Programm (UNEP), comprising experts from different countries, have assessed the effects of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) on the Ozone Layer. According to their report, depletion of the Ozone Layer in middle-and high-latitudes is largely due to man-made chlorine and bromine compounds.

(c) India has ratified the Montreal Protocol on Substance that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The Protocol requires that